Question

Edmond Dexter Leonard and Elizabeth H Remington settled in Newtown Township in the mid 1850s

Did he buy land from Federal Government in 1850s?

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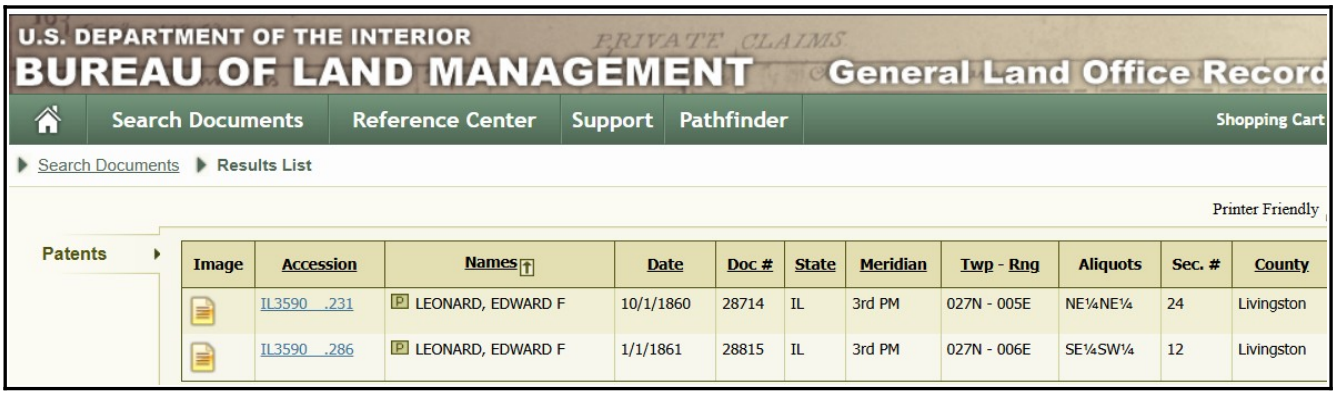

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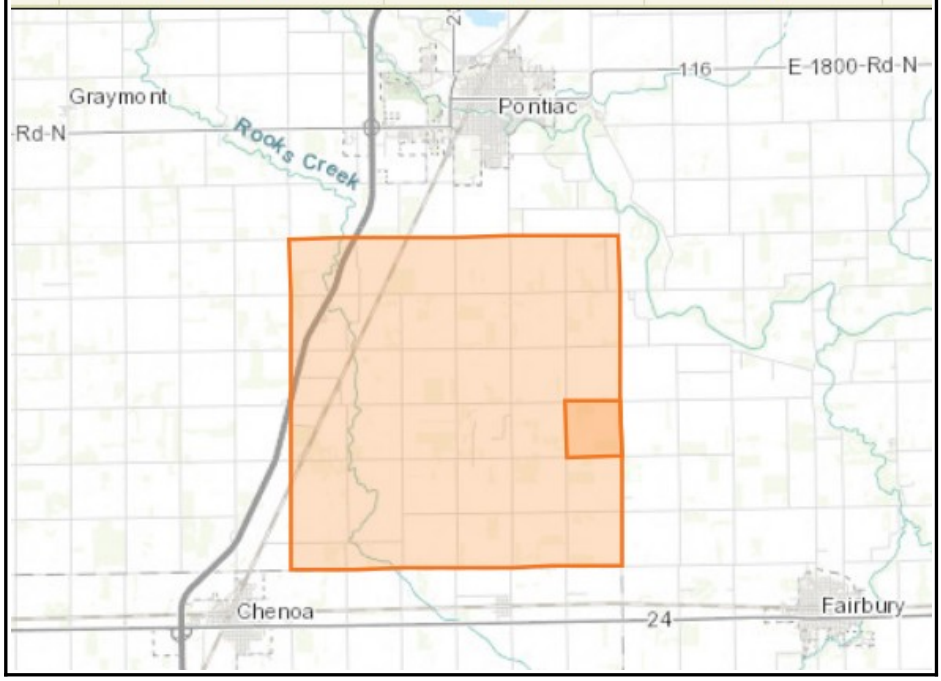

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1808; she resides in Newtown Village.

CHRISTOPHER C. LEONARD, farmer; P. O. Collins. Liberal; Republican. Owns 101 acres, valued at $30 per acre; born in Bradford Co., Penn., April 26, 1836. Married Mary Mason, Feb. 4, 1858; she was born in Ohio, Aug. 6, 1838; have had nine children, eight of whom are living—Oliva, born Oct. 27, 1858; Lawrence W., born Nov. 20, 1859, died Aug. 21, 1860; Emily A., born May 30, 1861; Edwin, born June 18, 1866; Clara A., born Feb. 26, 1868; Ira G., born Nov. 16, 1869; Andrew B., born Jan. 9, 1872; Franklin C., born Oct. 18, 1873; Frederick G., born Dec. 12, 1875. Mr. L. served his country during the late war as a soldier; he enlisted in Co. A, 129th I. V. I., Aug. 2, 1862, for three years, and was mustered out June 8, 1865, by reason of the close of the war; Mr. L. was on duty during the whole term with the exception of three weeks that he was confined to the hospital at Gallatin, Tenn., on account of sickness; he participated in

the exception of three weeks that he was confined to the hospital at Gallatin, Tenn., on account of sickness; he participated in the campaign against Atlanta, and was present at the capture of that place; was also with Gen. Sherman during his march to the sea and the capture of Savannah, and the campaign through North and South Carolina; the first battle that he participated in was at the charge of Resaca, Ga., on which occasion his regiment charged and took a rebel battery, it being placed a few rods in advance of the rebel line; the rebels only succeeded in firing two rounds from the battery before it was captured by the 129th I. V. I.; the regiment lost quite heavily in the charge, Thomas Sutliff of Mr. L's company being among the killed; Mr. L. was also in the battle of Dallas, Kenesaw, 20th of July, in front of Atlanta; also at the capture of Savannah, Ga., and the battle of Bentonville, N. C. Mr. L. had a brother in Co. G, of the same regiment; he enlisted about the same time; he served until the following Spring, then died at Gallatin, Tenn.; his remains were interred at that place, where they still remain. Mr. L. held office of Collector two terms in succession, and served one year after that as Deputy, under his father-in-law, the late Enoch Mason, now deceased.

SAMUEL PORTER LUNDY, farmer

NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP.

Lundy, Delphia, far.; P. O. Collins.
Lundy, S. P., far.; P. O. Collins.
Leonard, Roscoe, far.; P. O. Collins.
Leonard, C. C., farmer; P. O. Collins.
Leonard, Elizabeth, Collins.

now about 51 years of age.

ANDREW J. HOOBLER, merchant, Collins. Liberal; Republican. Owns eighty-four acres of land, valued at $4,000; also dwelling house, store house, and real estate in Newtown, to the value of $2,000; he was born in Indiana, Sept. 18, 1838. Married Sarah L. Leonard, Feb. 8, 1859; she was born in Pennsylvania May 30, 1840; have had four children, three of whom are now living—Fannie, born Oct. 20, 1859; Ora, April 26, 1862; Wilder, May 17, 1864; Erastus, Dec. 11, 1867. Mr. Hoobler came to this State with his parents in 1851; has been engaged in the business of farming ever since that time until about three years ago, when he engaged in the mercantile business, and which he still continues. Mr. H. keeps s good assortment of all kinds of dry gooda and groceries and other articles usually kept at a country store.

work.

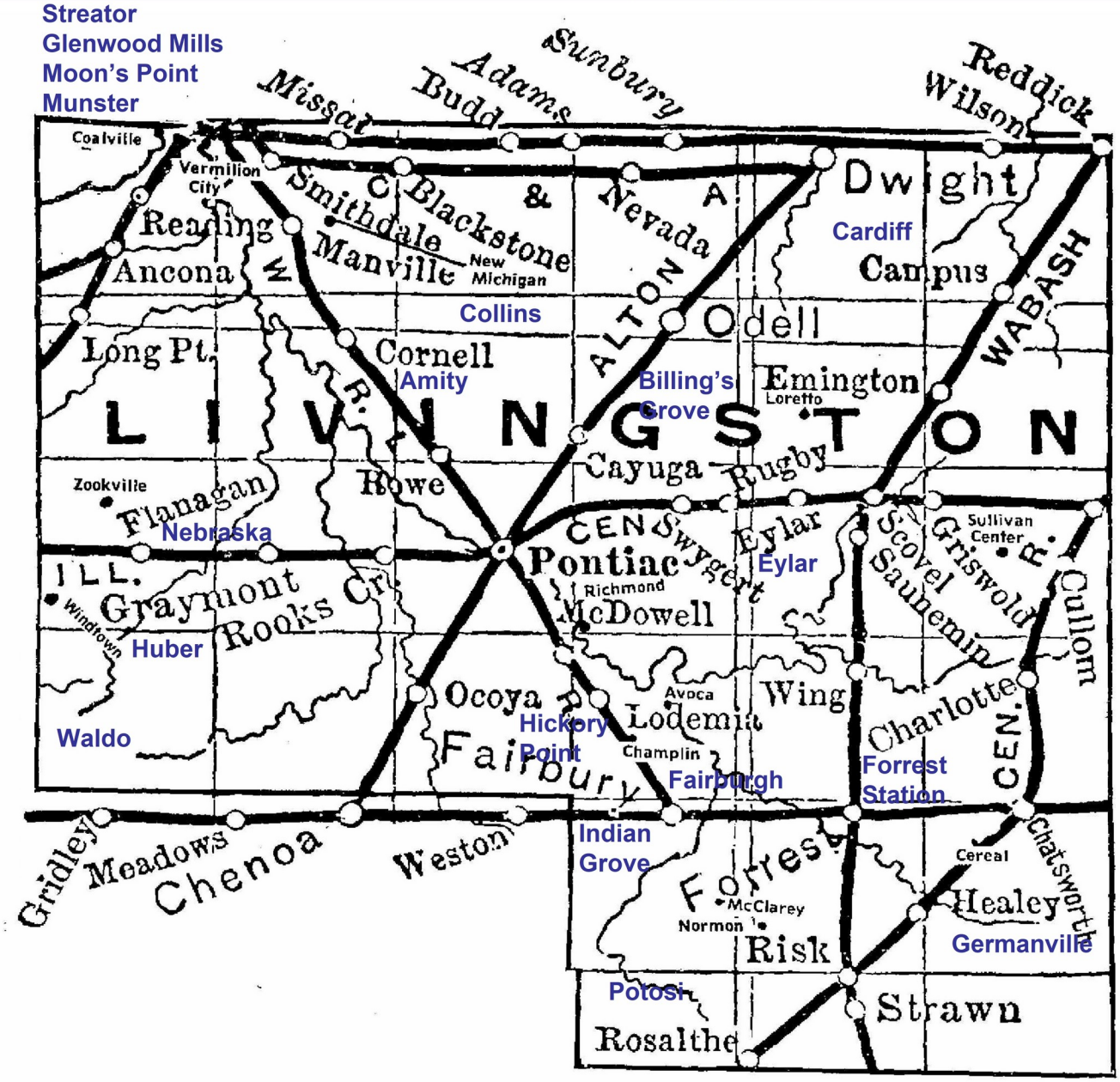
ROSCOE LEONARD, farmer, Sec. 33; P. O. Collins. Liberal; Republican. Owns seventy-seven acres, valued at $30 per acre; born in Massachusetts July 5, 1832. Married Sarah Phillips Nov. 5, 1859; she was born in Bureau Co., this State, Dec. 18, 1836; have had four children, only two of whom are living—Milo, born Dec. 8, 1860; Myra, born July 20, 1866, died March 19, 1874; Maggie, born Nov. 16, 1870; Maud, born May 1, 1873, died April 4, 1874. Mr. Leonard came to this township, with his parents, from Du Page Co., this State. Held office of Road Commissioner one year. Mrs. L.'s father resides with them; his name is John Phillips; he was born Feb. 23, 1808; her mother, Betsy, is dead; she was born July 13, 1811, died Oct. 26, 1877; her maiden name was Templin. A nephew of Mrs. L.'s lives with them; his name is John Edward Weidman; he was born Dec. 4, 1859; he is an orphan, his father dying

from cruel treatment received in Libby Prison while a soldier in the late war; he served his country about four years previous to his death; John's mother, Martha Weidman, was born July 30, 1840, died Oct. 4, 1860; her maiden name was Phillips; she was a niece of Jacob Phillips, of this township. Mr. L.'s father, Edmund D., was born in Hampshire Co, Mass., Jan. 25, 1805, died Nov. 13, 1860; his mother, Elizabeth H., was born Jan. 24, 1808; she resides in Newtown Village.

Where was Ghost Town of Collins?

North of Pontiac.

Streator
Glenwood Mills
Moon's Point
Munster



Info about Ghost town of Collins from My Livingston County Ghost Towns presentation

Collins – Post Office 1872-1883

•VILLAGE OF COLLINS OR NEWTOWN (from 1878 history book).

•The Chicago & Paducah Railroad having been completed through this part of the county in 1871, and a switch being laid at this place, steps were immediately taken to found a town.

•On the 7th of August, in the year mentioned, M. E. Collins, who had been actively engaged in procuring the location of the road, caused to be laid out, from the southeast quarter of Section 21, the plat since known as Collins.

•A few weeks later, October 18th, Jacob Kuns and David Hoobler laid out a second plat of eleven acres, from the same section, naming it Newtown.

•While the post-office, established here soon after, has always retained the name of Collins, the village has generally been known by the other name.

•The first house in the limits of the village was a dwelling, brought by M.
•A. Newman from his farm.

Collins – Post Office 1872-1883

•Chester Manley built the first dwelling in the town; and M. E. Collins erected the first store building.

•David Hoobler and David Gouty moved a store room from New Michigan the same Fall. Soon after, J. & W. Hossack, of Odell, erected a small warehouse, built cribs and commenced buying grain.

•By the Winter of 1871-2, business was quite well established, and thus bid fair to be a town of considerable importance. Since that time, the village has continued to improve slowly, so that at present there are some twenty families in the place.

•In the Fall of 1874, the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Michigan, following the example of other buildings, moved to the station.

•No school house has yet been erected, but one is contemplated, and will doubtless be built soon, as the wants of the town demand such accommodations.

Collins – Post Office 1872-1883

COLLINS.

Hoobler, David, Merchant.

Hoobler, Andrew J., Merchant. Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries.

Manly, Chester R., Station Agent and Grain Buyer.

Newman, Martin A., Postmaster and Druggist.

From 1878 History Book.

1888 Livingston County History Book

CHRISTOPHER C. LEONARD is largely engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 34 in Newtown Township, where he owns 100 acres of good and well-improved land, besides forty acres in Amity Township. He was born in Bradford County, Pa., on the 26th of April, 1836, and is the son of Edmund D. and Elizabeth (Remington) Leonard. He lived in Pennsylvania with his parents until about eleven years of age, at which time they moved to Du Page County, Ill., going by water to Chicago, and thence by teams. Mr. Leonard began to attend subscription schools at the age of three years, and continued until his parents moved to Illinois, after which he only attended during the winter months. The parents remained in Du Page County about seven years, and then came to Livingston County, transporting their effects in wagons drawn by oxen. They located on section 33, Newtown Township, where the father entered land from the Government, and resided until his death (see sketch of Mrs. Leonard). After coming to this county the subject of our sketch attended school for three winters, when he left home at twenty-one years of age and lived in Amity Township for a time, working on the land where the village of Cornell now stands. After living in the various portions of the county he permanently located in Newtown, in 1873.

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Mr. Leonard was married, Feb. 4, 1858, to Mary Mason, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Shinn) Mason, natives of New Jersey. The great-grandfather Mason was of Irish descent, and Elizabeth Shinn's parents were German. Enoch was born in Galloway Township, Gloucester Co., N. J., July 25,

1804, and was there married, Aug. 28, 1825, to Elizabeth Shinn, who was born June 18, 1805. To them were born eight children, three of whom are living: Mary, the wife of our subject; Martha and George. Martha was born March 7, 1847, and was married, Sept. 20, 1866, to Orlando E. Hart; he died in 1869, and she was married to William S. Brown in June, 1871, and they live in Nebraska. George W. was born July 11, 1845, and resides in Western Iowa. The deceased members of the family are: Hannah, born June 29, 1829, died Sept. 4, 1832; Naomi, born June 10, 1831, died Aug. 14, 1832; Henry, born June 6, 1833, died Sept. 6, 1838; Elizabeth, born Oct. 10, 1836, died Aug. 26, 1858; Charles W., born April 5, 1843, died July 20, 1873; he was married to Emily M. Wilbur March 7, 1869, and enlisted in Company A, 129th Illinois Infantry, Aug. 2, 1862. His health becoming impaired he was discharged at the end of the first year, and lived at home one year, when he was drafted and taken to New Orleans, where he served until the close of the war. After his return home he was married and became the father of two children, named Idele May, born Dec. 16, 1869, and Chester Allen, May 13, 1872. He died suddenly at his home while walking from the pump in the dooryard to the house. Emily, his widow, was again married Nov. 5, 1885, to Joshua A. Mus-

at his home while walking from the pump in the dooryard to the house. Emily, his widow, was again married, Nov. 5, 1885, to Joshua A. Musgrove, and lives in Kansas. The mother of these children died Jan. 4, 1868, and Enoch Mason was again married Feb. 21, 1869, the woman of his choice being Sophia Wilbur. She died June 30, 1873, and her husband followed her Sept. 12, 1874. Mary, the wife of our subject, was born Aug. 6, 1838, in Monroe County, Mich., and her parents came to Illinois in 1850, and located in Newtown Township, where they resided at the time of their death. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were married in the house in which they now live, and are the parents of the following-named children: Olivia, born Oct. 22, 1858; Lawrence, born Nov. 20, 1859, died Aug. 21, 1860; Emily A., born May 31, 1861, married John Weideman, of Newtown Township, and has three children; Edwin, born June 18, 1866; Clora A., Feb. 26, 1868; Ira G., Nov. 16, 1869; Andrew, Jan. 9, 1872; Franklin C., Oct. 18, 1873, and Frederick G., Dec. 12, 1875.

Christopher C. Leonard enlisted in Company A, 129th Illinois Infantry, Aug. 2, 1862, under Capt. John A. Hoskins, at Pontiac, and during his term of service participated in several of the larger engagements, receiving his baptism of fire at the battle of Buzzard's Roost, in Georgia. At the battle of Peachtree Creek he received a slight injury, from which he soon recovered. He was with Sherman during his Atlanta campaign and in the march to the sea, participating in the capture of Savannah, and the battle of Bentonville. He was mustered out in Washington City June 8, 1865, and received his discharge papers in Chicago June 17 of that year. He immediately returned to his home in this county, and resumed the occupation of farm work.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are honored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and devote considerable of their time to matters intended to advance the best interests of the congregation. In politics Mr. Leonard is a stanch Republican, and can always be depended upon to watch over and care for the interests of that party.

ROSCOE LEONARD, one of the pioneers of Livingston County, located on section 33, in Newtown Township, at least thirty-six years ago with his parents. They had made the journey partly overland from Pennsylvania, and upon coming into Illinois, first located in DuPage County, whence five years later they removed to Livingston. The country at that time presented a wide contrast to its appearance at the present. There were no farms or cities which now beautify the landscape so plentifully—only here and there to be seen the smoke from the cabin chimney of an adventurous emigrant. Deer and other wild game abounded. The Leonard family began life in a manner similar to that of their far-away neighbors, and our subject has reaped a rich experience from his observations of life in this section during its transformation from the wilderness.

The father of our subject, Edmund Dexter Leonard, a native of Massachusetts, was born Jan. 24,

1805; his ancestry for several generations had lived in New England. He grew to manhood under the parental roof in his native county, where he learned the tanner's trade, and acquired a fair education in the district schools. He was the son of Simeon Leonard and one of three children which composed the family.

The father of our subject was married in early manhood to Miss Elizabeth H. Remington, who was born in Massachusetts, Jan. 23, 1808. They grew up in homes adjacent, and their wedding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, in 1829. Soon afterward they located on a farm and in due time became the parents of ten children. The family, in 1832, left New England and located in Bradford County, Pa. Fourteen years later they came to this State, and subsequently to Livingston County, where the father purchased land and built up a good homestead, upon which he spent the remainder of his days. His death took place in the fall of 1860. He was an excellent man in all respects, and a worthy citizen, and was held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends. His wife, the mother of our subject, is still living, making her home in Manville, Livingston County, where she keeps house by herself, and does her own work, although seventy-nine years of age.

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The children of Edmund D. and Elizabeth H. (Remington) Leonard are recorded as follows: Franklin, born in 1830, enlisted in the 129th Illinois Infantry, and died of erysipelas at Gallatin, Tenn., sometime in 1863, and was laid to rest in that State by his comrades; Roscoe was born July 5, 1832, in Massachusetts; Myra is the wife of Andrew Stewart, of Ford County, and the mother of four children; Christopher C. is farming in Newtown Township; Mary, now deceased, was the wife of Sherman Ide, and the mother of five children; Sarah married A. J. Hoobler, and lives in Manville; Emily died in childhood; Isabelle is the wife of John L. Cusick, a farmer of Newtown Township; the next child died in infancy; Hattie N. is the wife of Robert Jacobs, a prosperous farmer of Ford County, and the mother of one child, a daughter, Lyda.

Our subject remained under the home roof until twenty-seven years of age. He had obtained a

good education, and had become familiar with the various employments of the farm, and now felt entirely competent to carry on a homestead of his own. One of the first important steps toward this end was his marriage with Miss Sarah, daughter of John and Betsey (Templin) Phillips, which took place Nov. 5, 1859, at Ottawa. The parents of Mrs. L. were natives respectively of Maryland and Ohio. The Phillips family were among the earliest pioneers of the Buckeye State. Edward Phillips, the paternal grandfather, was born in Maryland, whence he emigrated with his family to Ohio. He was the father of William, James, John, Edward and Elizabeth. Edward, when last heard from, was living in Iowa; John, who was born Feb. 23, 1808, was married when twenty years of age, to Miss Betsey Templin, who was born in Ohio, July 13, 1811. They were wedded on Christmas Day in 1828, in Ohio. Five years later they started for the farther West, coming into Bureau County, Ill., with an ox-team, after having been six weeks on the road. They located on a tract of wild land, and for several years thereafter endured the vicissitudes of pioneer life. The household was in due time enlarged by the birth of nine children. Their eldest son, James E., was born July 7, 1830, is married and living in Missouri; Elizabeth Jane, born Sept. 1, 1832, is the wife of William Lemmon, of Princeton, and the mother of three children; Esther is the wife of Eli R. Mathis, a merchant at Princeton, and they have four children; Sarah, Mrs. Leonard, was born Dec.

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Mr. Leonard and his bride commenced housekeeping in a modest dwelling in Newtown Township, where our subject engaged in farming, and in

due time the household circle included four children. Their eldest son, Milo, was born Dec. 8, 1860, and was married in 1882, to Miss Eliza Stephenson. His wife was born in Newtown Township, Dec. 17, 1859, and is the daughter of David and Maria (Rosborough) Stephenson, the former born Feb. 3, 1818, in Scotland. His wife, Maria, was born in Dublin, Ireland, Feb. 17, 1818. The second child of our subject, Myra, was born July 20, 1866, and died March 19, 1874; the third, Maggie, born Nov. 16, 1870, is attending school, and resides at home; Maud was born May 1, 1873, and died April 4, 1874.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the Trustees, and all the children have been carefully trained in the same religious faith. Mr. L. votes the Republican ticket, and has always been greatly interested in the success of the temperance movement. His farm includes seventy-seven acres of land under good improvement. Mrs. L. is in her own right the owner of forty acres.

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The mother of Mrs. Leonard was the daughter of James and Jane (Critzer) Templin. The latter was born May 20, 1787, and died in this county Feb. 7, 1874. Mrs. L. has the Bible which belonged to Leonard Critzer, and which was printed in 1810. The father of James Templin was among the first settlers in Virginia, to which he and his family emigrated when the country was principally infected with hostile savages, and they never dared venture out without a gun on their shoulders. He was killed by the Indians, and his body mutilated in a horrible manner. The son was taken prisoner, and lived among savages fourteen years, when he made his escape and returned.

ELIZABETH H. LEONARD, a resident of the village of Manville, was born in Cambridge, Washington Co., N. Y., Jan. 24, 1808. She is the daughter of Seneca and Mary (Sergeant) Remington, the former born in the town of Suffield, Conn., Feb. 13, 1771, and died in 1866. He was married in West Springfield, Mass., on the 20th of November, 1794, to Mary Sergeant, who was born in Massachusetts, opposite the city of Boston, Sept. 30, 1772, and died Sept. 11, 1856. He was a cooper by trade and followed that occupation the greater part of his life. They were both members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he was an old-line Whig.

Mrs. Leonard's parental family included the following children: Silas S., born Aug. 16, 1795, and died April 7, 1796; Mary, born Feb. 5, 1797, and died Jan. 24, 1803; Seneca, born Dec. 10, 1798, and died Dec. 5, 1885, in the State of Kansas; Oliver, born Oct. 16, 1801, and died May 21, 1802; Mary, born May 9, 1803, and died Feb. 17, 1887; Hulda, born June 21, 1805, and died Nov. 22, 1886; Elizabeth is the subject of this sketch; Zeno H., born Feb. 26, 1810, and died Oct. 2, 1852; Philetus, born Nov. 18, 1812, a farmer now living in Clay County, Kan., but in frail health, has reared a family of eight children, all of whom are living except one; Naomi, born Aug. 2, 1815, and died Aug. 19, 1847; Jane, born April 14, 1820, and died Jan. 28, 1873.

Philetus and Elizabeth, our subject, are the only surviving members of this large family. Mrs. Leonard lives in a home by herself, in which she performs all the household work. With the exception of failing eyesight, she is in good health and does not appear to be over fifty years of age. On the

12th of November, 1829, she was married to Edmond D. Leonard, of Middlefield, Mass., and to them were born nine children, whose names are as follows: Franklin, Roscoe, Myra, Christopher C., Mary, Sarah, Emily, Isabella and Hattie N., besides one who died in infancy; her husband died Nov. 13, 1860. After their marriage in Hinsdale, Mass., they went to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1832, and thence to Illinois in July, 1846, locating in Livingston County in 1852, where Mrs. Leonard has since resided. She belongs to the United Brethren Church, while her brothers and sisters were Baptist, and her children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The family throughout is composed of Christian people, and all belong to some religious denomination.

Leggate, John.....717
Lehman, Wm 416
Leonard, C. C.....358
Leonard, Elizabeth H.....451
Leonard, Mack..... 1184
Leonard, P. A..... 750
Leonard, Roscoe..... 407
Leslie E. Keeley Co.....882
Lewis, David G.....267

1900 Liv. Co. history book

CHRISTOPHER C. LEONARD.

Christopher C. Leonard, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a successful agriculturist of Newtown township, has been identified with the interests of Livingston county for almost half a century, having located here in 1852. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1836, and is a son of Edmund D. and Elizabeth H. (Remington) Leonard, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. In early life the father followed different occupations, but after coming to Illinois, in 1852, he devoted his attention to farming exclusively. He took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Newton township, Livingston county, which was wild prairie land, entirely unimproved, and he and our subject at once began to break it and continued to work together for some time. The family endured many hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, and at first had to haul all their produce to Ottawa, which was the nearest market place. The two oldest sons worked out at twelve dollars per month and paid for the land, while the father and our subject devoted their energies towards its improvement. The father died in 1860, but the mother, who was born January 24, 1808, is still living. To them were born nine children, of whom one died in infancy; Franklin, the

oldest son, died in the service of his country during the civil war, being a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Mrs. Harriet Jacobs died in Ford county, Illinois; and Mrs. Mary Ide in Aconda, Livingston county. Those living are Myra, wife of Andrew Stewart, of Kempton, Ford county; Roscoe, who owns a part of the old home farm in Newton township; Christopher C., our subject; Sarah, wife of Andrew Hoobler, of Streator; and Isabelle, wife of John L. Cusick, of Newton township.

Christopher C. Leonard began his education in the schools of his native state, and after coming to Illinois, at the age of ten years, attended school in Livingston county for a time. He remained under the parental roof until he was married, in 1858, to Miss Mary Mason, who was born in Michigan, in August, 1838, a daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth Mason. Her family came to Livingston county in 1852 and settled on the farm in Newton township now occupied by our subject, where her parents died. She has one brother, George, a farmer in Iowa.

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For a year and a half after his marriage Mr. Leonard engaged in farming in Amity township, Livingston county, and then returned to Newton township. After the civil war broke out he laid aside all personal interests, and enlisted, in August, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, being all through the Atlanta campaign and taking part in many battles. He entered the service as a private, and when discharged, June 17, 1865, held the rank of corporal. After his return home Mr. Leonard operated his mother's farm until the death

of his wife's parents, when he purchased the interest of the heirs in the farm which he now occupies. It consists of one hundred and forty-two acres of rich and arable land on section 34, Newtown township, upon which he has made all of the improvements, and he also owns forty acres in Amity township. In 1898 he purchased a general store in Manville, which he now operates in partnership with his son. This property has all been acquired through his own well-directed and energetic efforts, for he started out in life for himself with no capital save a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed.

Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, one died in infancy. The others are as follows: (1) Edwin, a farmer of Newton township, married Effie Hoenshell, and they have three children, Lloyd, David C. and Lela. (2) Olivia is with her parents. (3) Emily is the wife of John Weidman, a farmer of McHenry county, Illinois, and they have six children, Ervie, Arthur, Lawrence, Bertha, Mary and Roy. (4) Clora is the wife of Alvin Gilman, of Newtown township, and they have three children, Mary, Alma and Lula B. (5) Ira, a resident of Amity township, married Lizzie Gilman, and they have two children, Alma and Ralph. (6) Andrew, also of Amity township, married Ada Walker, and they have one daughter, Flor-

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Since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, Mr. Leonard has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in local politics, holding

some offices for several years. He has served as road commissioner six years, school director, ten years; collector, three years, and assessor, two years, being elected to the last named office for 1901. In 1890 he was appointed census enumerator, and has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He is an honored member of the Grand Army Post, No. 769, at Cornell, in which he has held all the offices, and is an active member of the Mehtodist Episcopal church, to which his estimable wife also belongs. His useful and well-spent life has gained for him not only a comfortable competence, but also the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life.

1909 Vol. 2 history book

There is a section about the history of Newton Township, I will make a separate PDF file of this history, mentions Leonard family and cemetery also.

Incorrect on 1888 history book on land purchases

Nobody with last name of Leonard bought land in Newton Twp Section 33 per federal bureau land records. Not clear if 30N 3 E or 30N 4 E……..so looked up both.

Printer Friendly

Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
P ALLEN, NATHANIEL, P CUSHING, BELA, W CUSHING, BELA	4/15/1853	66346	IL	3rd PM	030N - 003E	NW¼	33	Livingston
P DEEVER, JOHN, W DEEVER, JAMES S	11/1/1853	70288	IL	3rd PM	030N - 003E	NE¼	33	Livingston
P EVANS, JOHN, W TIFFANY, RECOMPENSE	8/1/1853	27622	IL	3rd PM	030N - 003E	E½SW¼	33	Livingston
P GALLOWAY, WILLIAM K, W JONES, ROBERT	9/1/1853	6088	IL	3rd PM	030N - 003E	SE¼	33	Livingston
P LOMBARD, BENJAMIN	1/3/1856	17297	IL	3rd PM	030N - 003E	W½SW¼	33	Livingston

Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
P ANTHONY, JOHN P, W SLOCUM, RUSSELL	9/1/1853	20935	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	NE¼	33	Livingston
P CONLON, PETER, W RANKIN, JOSEPH	10/2/1854	10689	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	W½SE¼	33	Livingston
P CONLON, PETER, P WARREN, LUCY, W WARREN, DANIEL	10/2/1854	21491	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	SE¼SW¼	33	Livingston
P EVERSOLL, JOSEPH	7/10/1844	8232	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	E½SE¼	33	Livingston
P MANLEY, CALVIN F, W ROCKFELLOW, CORNELIUS	1/20/1851	54982	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	E½SE¼	32	Livingston
					030N - 004E	W½SW¼	33	Livingston
P PEKIN, HENRY	7/10/1844	8710	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	W½NW¼	33	Livingston
P RICHARDS, XENOPHON	12/1/1849	10046	IL	3rd PM	030N - 004E	NE¼SW¼	33	Livingston

Township Section 33 area from 1893 Liv. Co. Atlas

Check Leader and Pontiac Sentinel online

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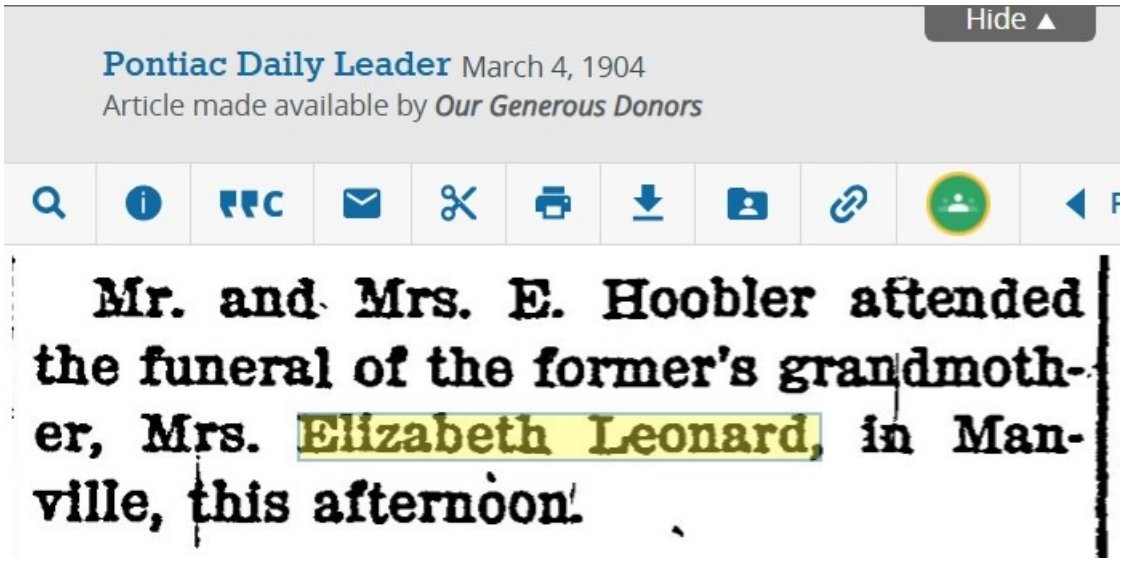


Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoobler attended the funeral of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, in Manville, this afternoon.

gravestone says March of 1903, yet this story is March of 1904?

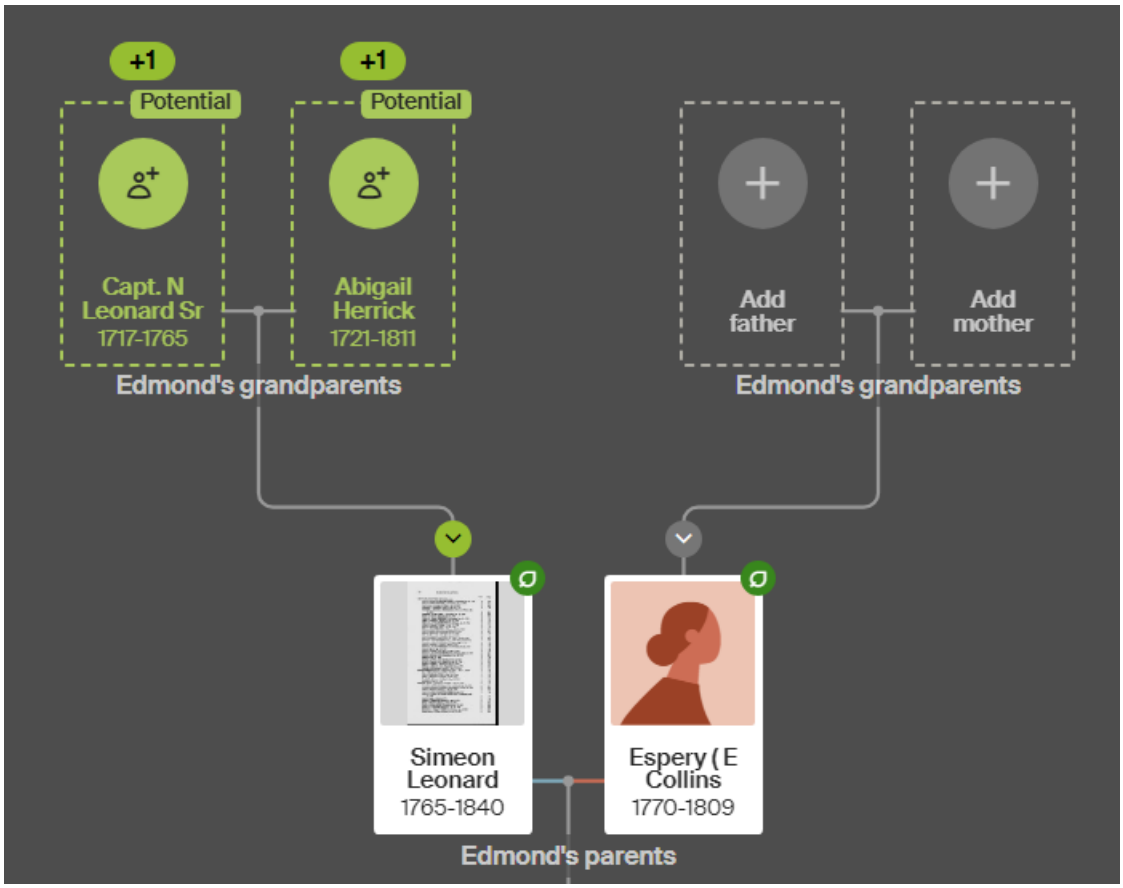
Her 95th birthday in January of 1903……..

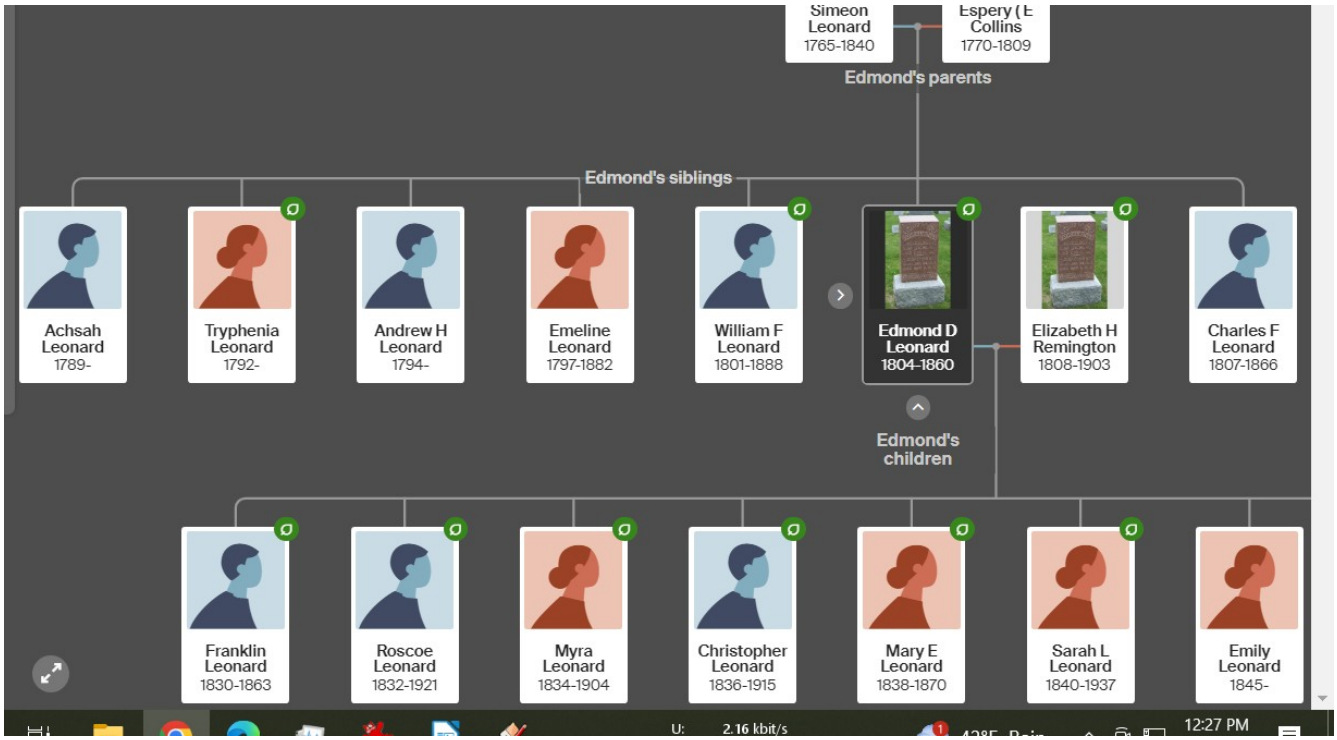
Pontiac Daily Leader January 23, 1903
Article made available by *Our Generous Donor*

Ninety-Five Years Old Today.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Hoobler visited today with his grandmother at Manville who today passed her ninety-fifth birthday. She is Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, a resident of that place for many years, but was born in Massachusetts of sturdy New England stock. Her life has spanned the period practically of our country's existence. She has lived to personally mourn the death of every president of the United States who has passed beyond except George Washington. When she was a child the United States consisted only of the thirteen original states and the Louisiana Purchase. Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Idaho, Oregon, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming have been added since. She has not only seen the material growth of the country, but has kept pace with events so that even in her old age she is interested in what is passing. Her friends extend to her congratulations on her long and useful life.

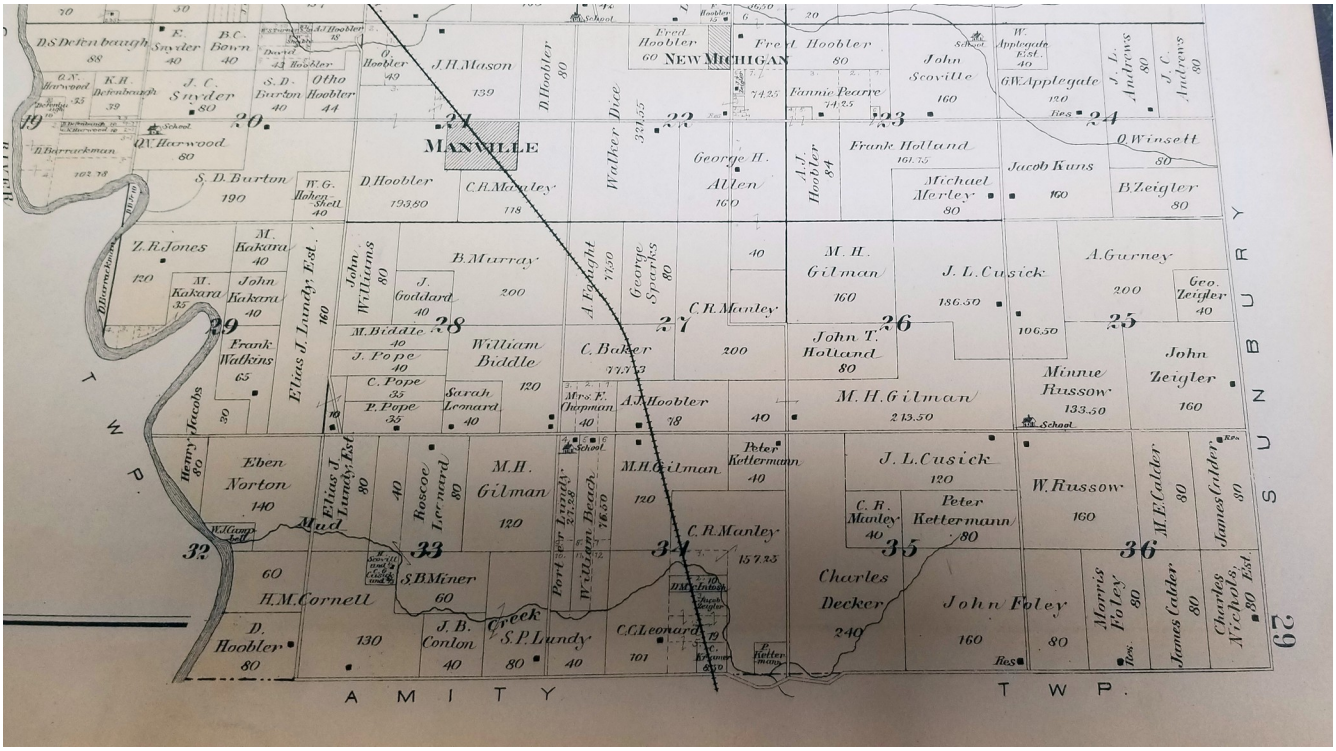
Family Tree from Ancestry.com



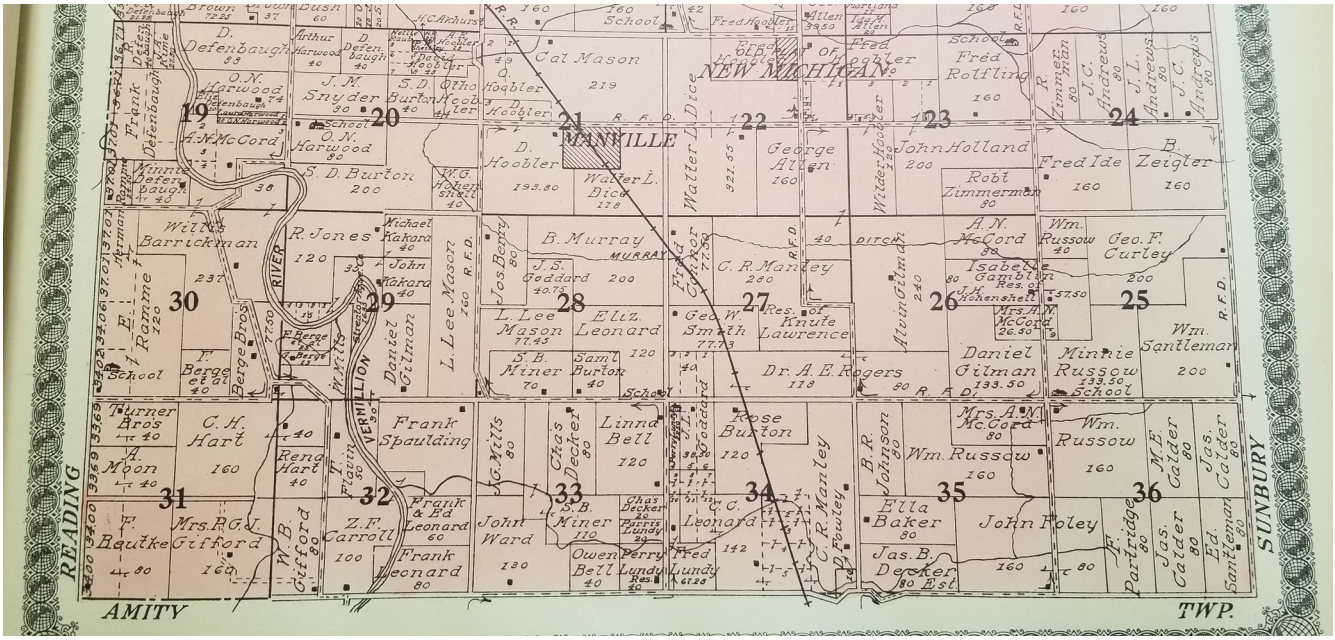


Edmond's siblings
William F Leonard 1801-1888
Edmond D Leonard 1804-1860
Elizabeth H Remington 1808-1903
Charles F Leonard 1807-1866
Edmond's children
Myra Leonard 1834-1904
Christopher Leonard 1836-1915
Mary E Leonard 1838-1870
Sarah L Leonard 1840-1937
Emily Leonard 1845-
Isabelle Leonard 1846-1935
Augusta I Leonard 1847-1943
Harriet Leonard 1850-

South part of Newton Township in 1893 Livingston County Atlas Book



South part of Newton Township in 1911 Livingston County Atlas Book



NOTE: Both maps above show Leonard's owning land in either Section 32 or Section 33.

Elizabeth Leonard at age of 90 from Ancestry.com

Elizabeth Leonard

searched streator times online, found her 96th birthday in 1904, no obit or death notice for her in 1903 or 1904

The Times
Thu, Feb 04, 1904 ·Page 8

Sunday, January 24, "Grandma" Leonard of Cornell celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday, and is undoubtedly the oldest resident in Livingston county. She is quite hale and hearty for one of her age. She has five children living, twenty-two grandchildren and fifty-six great grandchildren.

Link to findagrave web site of Elizabeth Leonard burial in New Michigan cemetery

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16 Leonard’s buried in New Michigan Cemetery from Findagrave web site

New Michigan Cemetery Memorials

16 matching records found for

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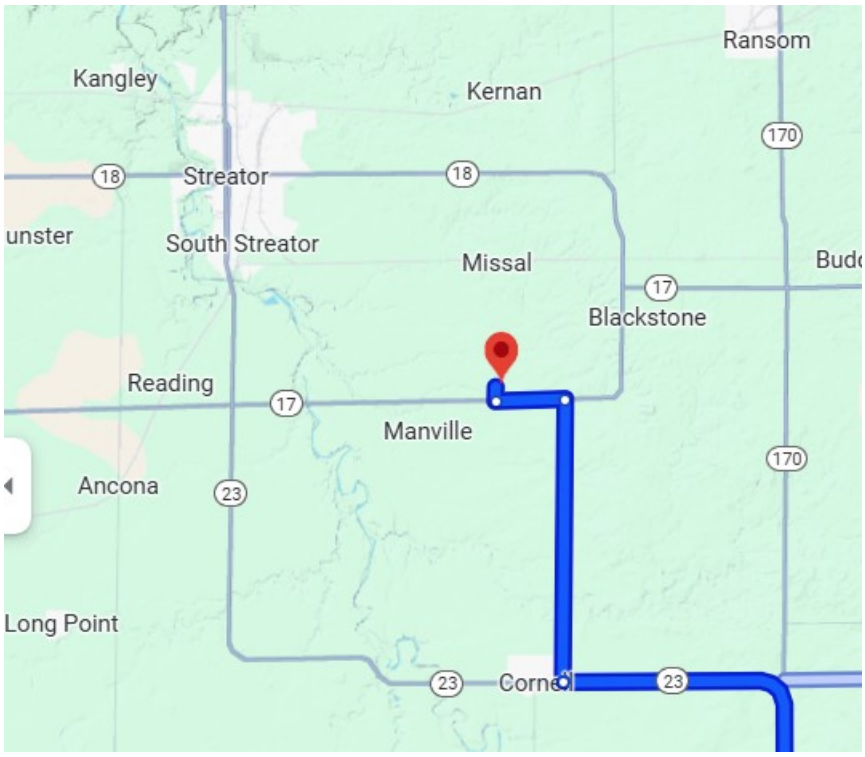
Location of New Michigan Cemetery